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LR 203

PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, finally LR 203 introduced by Senator Savage and Senator Venditte. Read LR 203. That will be properly laid over, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, if we have resolved the issue of Senator Marvel setting the agenda, I would not speak to it, but simply rise to support him and make one additional comment if I might.

PRESIDENT: The Speaker is going to be back tomorrow and then everything will be straightened out.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: The only comment I would make is that we do need some time to move off of General File some bills that will take two or three days to catch up to Select. It seems reasonable to me that we ought to address the priority bills rather than to consent bills.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To make a comment to that issue. Do we have any way of determining how many people will be here tomorrow and the consent calendar was taken tomorrow instead of Friday, because tomorrow will be considered the last day of the legislative week. The problem is that we may not have enough people to deal adequately with controversial bills which some of the priority bills will be. So, at this point, my first inclination is to be opposed to taking up the priority bills, unless I know that everyone will be here or a substantial number.

PRESIDENT: I strongly suspect that there will be a vote early tomorrow. But.....Senator Maxey.

SENATOR MAXEY: I have a question for Senator Marvel. Senator Marvel, if we take up priority bills tomorrow, when do we get back to the consent calendar?

SENATOR MARVEL: I assume when the Speaker gets back it will be sometime next week. I can't prejudge, but I would assume that we would try to go through priority first and then go to consent. I'm not sure that I understand the basic difference. It would appear to me that priority bills are what they say, they are the most important and everything else is less important. But, I assume sometime next week.

SENATOR MAXEY: We will get to them...we have some bills, non-controversial bills on consent and we were given the understanding that we would be able to have them heard and taken care of this session.

SENATOR MARVEL: I can't guarantee that, Senator Maxey, in all honesty. I don't think that it is possible to go through all of the business that we have before us before the session is over. I assume that what the Legislature would like to do is as soon as possible get the priority bills, but if people are

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